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In re Patent Application of:

Takaaki HIRAI et al.

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For: PRE-EXPANDED PARTICLES OF CRYSTALLINE

AROMATIC POLYESTER-BASED RESIN, AND IN MOLD EXPANDED PRODUCT AND EXPANDED

LAMINATE USING THE SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.111

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Advisory Action dated December 18, 2003 (Paper No. 121503) and the final Office Action dated September 23, 2003 (Paper No. 915), finally rejecting claims 1 and 3-20, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.



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PRE-EXPANDED PARTICLES OF CRYSTALLINE AROMATIC POLYESTER-BASED Invention: RESIN, AND IN MOLD EXPANDED PRODUCT AND EXPANDED LAMINATE USING THE

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

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